

Howard County's Local Children's Board
Meeting Minutes
11/20/18

Attendees

√	Charmayne Anderson, Community	√	Khiem Doan, Youth Member		Mary Mukherjee, MSDE (excused)
√	Fayth Bowie, Youth Member	√	Dawn Duignan, Community		Edisa Padder, Community
	Dario Broccolino, States Attorney		Father Fazolini, Community (excused)	√	Melissa Rosenberg, Autism Society
	Karen Butler, DSS (excused)	√	Hector Garcia, FIRN	√	Maura Rossman, Health Department
√	John Byrd, DRP		Gary Gardner, HCPD (excused)	√	Jackie Scott, DCRS
√	Erica Byrne, Voices for Children	√	Tonya Kennon, Library		Francine Trout, Office of Workforce (excused)
√	Kelly Cimino, DHCD	√	Tim Madden, DJS		
	Bita Dayhoff, CAC (excused)		Michael Martirano, HCPSS (excused)		

Staff: Kim Eisenreich, Trent Hall, Sucora Best, Candace Ball; Kori Jones

Public Attendees: James LeMon, HCPSS; Tanisha Robinson, DORS; Officer Will Harris, HCPD; Keisha Benjamin, Michelle Hippert, Rose Burton, DCRS; Mike Demidenko, DSS; Irene Bademosi, HCPSS; Ms. Bowie, Community

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Welcome and introductions were made.

Roll Call

Bita Dayhoff, Father Fazolini, Gary Gardner, Dr. Martirano, and Mary Mukherjee - Excused

Consent Agenda

Approval of September 2018 Minutes – Motion made by John, seconded by Erica; All Approved

Committee and Program Updates

Executive Committee – John

Brief overview of the Equity Report's Call to Action. As a part of the Call to Action, the Board will be completing an informative training on Racial Equity led by the Racial Equity Institute (REI). This training, the first phase of REI's process, "Groundwater" will be held at DCRS on February 7, 2019, 1:00 - 4:00 pm for all Local Children's Board Members, lunch will be provided at 12:15pm.

Mental Health Committee - Dawn

Brief overview of the Mental Health Advisory Council. Moving forward the council has broken into 3 workgroups to focus on the goals of the Council. These groups include mental health promotion, training/education, and building a directory of mental health resources in Howard County.

Building Youth Resiliency - Dawn

Building Youth Resiliency (BYR) is a case management program that serves disconnected youth through referrals to mental health providers, and other resources. One goal of BYR this year is to complete more outreach to increase referrals. At the end of September, the case manager left the organization which has been a challenge to increasing referrals. A new case manager was hired as of 11/13. Currently 7 of the 13 youth being served by BYR have been identified as disconnected.

Healthy Families – Dawn

Healthy Families is a program that works to connect first time moms to in-home supports and resources; they recently hired a bi-lingual case manager and received a \$1000 donation from the Community Foundation of Howard County. There have been challenges with getting referrals so, staff will increase efforts to connect and conduct outreach with first-time moms in the community. Currently, the program is serving 35 families, and as of October FY19, 136 home visits have been completed.

Choice Jobs - Charmayne

Choice Jobs is a program with the goal of helping youth with job readiness and job training. The program has formed a partnership with a Starbucks in the Baltimore area to assist program participants with employment and job coaching. Choice has been working with BYR, Columbia Workforce, and the Howard County Conflict Resolution Center. One challenge the program has faced is hiring staff. Despite this challenge, 5 youth are currently enrolled.

Strengthening Families - Charmayne

The goal of Strengthening Families is to provide assistance to families with children ages 3-16 that have been impacted by incarceration. After review of RFP applications this fall, it was decided that DCRS will be taking the lead on the staffing and facilitating the program for 2019.

Food Access - John

The Food Access committee has increased the Weekend Warriors Snack Pack program by adding two additional sites, Laurel Elementary and East Columbia Branch Library. These new sites showed an increase of 1012 snack packs disbursed to families. The committee is working on Weekend Warriors Family Cards to increase the effectiveness of surveying.

Roving Radish Data Report - John

The Roving Radish program has increased its participants. While local produce sales have decreased, local protein sales have increased. Currently, an in- depth analysis is being completed to track and aggregate Roving Radish data.

Learning Agenda

Youth Advisory Council Presentation (Khiem Doan, Fayth Bowie, Off. Will Harris)

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) was created to be a safe space for youth to engage with local police officers. Youth are educated, gain insight with law enforcement and promote changes they would like to see within their community; they also earn community service hours.

Membership includes an application process with a max of 45 members in 8-12th grade. The meetings consist of dinner/snack, ice breakers, educational presentation, question/answer period, and discussion.

This year YAC members observed DUI checkpoints, toured the Howard County Police headquarters, which included a session with the Chief, as well as participated in Drug Take back day and National Night Out. All but two high schools in Howard County are represented on the YAC, as well as 3 middle schools.

Continuum of Care Presentation (Jackie Scott, Michelle Hipper, Rose Burton & Keisha Benjamin)

Rose Burton was introduced as the new administrator of the Office of Community Partnerships. One of the sub-populations the COC has been targeting is youth homelessness. Data was reported from Youth Reach, a state initiative that annually counts youth facing homelessness during a 10-day period in the spring. Howard County participated for the first year in 2017, and again in 2018.

LCT Case Review Summary (Dawn Duignan)

The Board reviewed and discussed a case of Local Care Team (LCT).

Announcements

- The Howard County Arc and Service Coordination Inc. are hosting the annual legislative breakfast at the Hawthorne Center on 12/7/18 at 7:30 am.
- The HCPSS Social Work Program continues to work to provide services to youth and families. There is a meeting with the social work program and community partners to expand the reach of those involved. Additionally, a bi-lingual social worker was just hired to meet the needs of Spanish speaking youth and families.
- The Prescription for Parks program's goal is to work with local pediatricians and healthcare providers to promote the program.
- The Food Access Committee has committed to distributing meals during Winter Break at the East Columbia Library Branch and the Bain 50+. Hot lunch will be served December 26th-28th and Weekend Warrior snack packs will be distributed on December 28th.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:17 a.m. – Motion made by Melissa to adjourn, Seconded by Karen

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 2019